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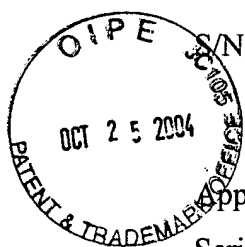
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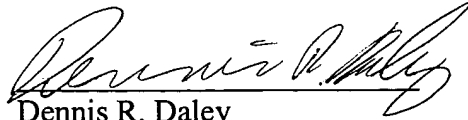
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According to PAIR, both Information Disclosures have been entered into the above-identified patent application.

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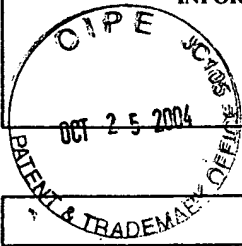
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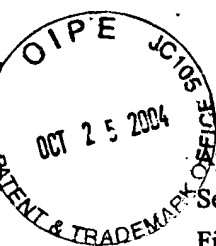
  

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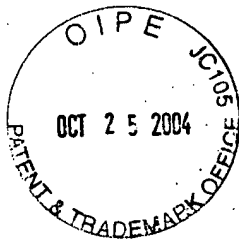
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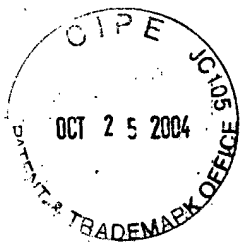
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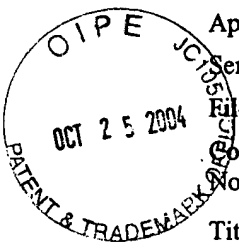
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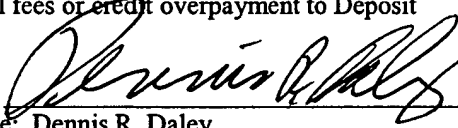
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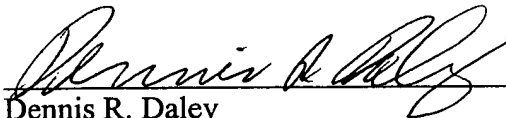
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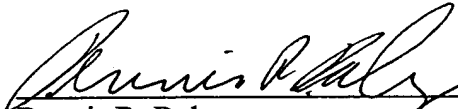
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